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1. THE GOVERNMENT COALITION HANDILY DEFEATED TWO KNESSET  
NO-CONFIDENCE MOTIONS YESTERDAY (JULY 4) ON THE ISSUE OF CON-  
SCRIPTION OF WOMEN. THE MOTIONS WERE INTRODUCED BY THE ALIGN-  
MENT AND SHELLI. SHELLI'S MOTION NOT ONLY ATTACKED THE GOVERN-  
MENT'S PROPOSED LIBERALIZATION OF EXEMPTIONS FOR RELIGIOUS  
GIRLS BUT CRITICIZED THE GOVERNMENT'S SETTLEMENT ACTIVITIES  
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IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. FOLLOWING A SIX-HOUR DEBATE, THE  
ALIGNMENT MOTION WAS DEFEATED BY A 72 TO 38 VOTE, AND  
SHELLI'S WAS OVERWHELMED BY 70 TO 13 WITH 13 ABSTENTIONS.  
THE ALIGNMENT SPLIT ON THE SHELLI MOTION; MAPAM SUPPORTED  
IT AND LABOR MKS ABSTAINED.

2. WHILE THE LOP-SIDES VOTES ON THE NO-CONFIDENCE MOTIONS

WERE NO SURPRISE, THE STORY MAY BE DIFFERENT WHEN THE GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSCRIPTION LAW REACHES THE FLOOR FOR ITS FINAL READING (NOW EXPECTED IN A WEEK OR TWO). AS REPORTED IN REFTEL, THE AMENDMENT IS BEING PUSHED BY AGUDAT YISRAEL (AY) WITH MOST OF THE LIKUD GIVING IT RELUCTANT SUPPORT WHILE SEVERAL LIKUD MKS OPPOSE. THE PUBLIC DOES NOT LIKE THE BILL, THE NRP IS ALSO LESS THAN ENTHUSIASTIC AND THE DMC, SPEARHEADED BY TWO MKS GENERALLY LOYAL TO DEPUTY PM YADIN AND THE COALITION (NOFF AND YAGURI), IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE LEGISLATION. THESE DMC MKS THREATEN TO THROTTLE THE BILL WITH AMENDMENTS.

3. IN THE MEANTIME, A COMMITTEE OF COALITION PARTIES MINUS THE DMC YESTERDAY PRODUCED A COMPROMISE DRAFT WHICH COULD SATISFY MANY DMC MKS AND POSSIBLY APPEASE OTHER OPPONENTS OF THE BILL IN THE OPPOSITION PARTIES. HOWEVER, AY SAYS THE COMPROMISE MUST BE REFERRED TO ITS COUNCIL OF SAGES FOR APPROVAL AND TODAY'S MAARIV QUOTES SEVERAL OF THE SAGES AS REJECTING ANY TAMPERING WITH THE ORIGINAL BILL.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH A BLOW-UP IN THE COALITION COULD OCCUR OVER THIS ISSUE, THE ODDS FAVOR SOME SORT OF COMPROMISE WHICH WILL SATISFY AY, WIN OVER LIKUD DISSENTERS AND AT LEAST SOME DMC VOTES. THE AY, IN PARTICULAR, DOES NOT WANT TO PRECIPITATE A CRISIS. THEY ARE TOO COMFORTABLE WITH THIS GOVERNMENT TO GAMBLE ON ITS DOWN-FALL, IF AY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEADERS SEE THEY CANNOT BE SURE OF A KNESSET MAJORITY, THEY WILL PROBABLY SEEK TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF THEIR AMENDMENT. LEWIS

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